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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

SIR:

This is in response to the Election of Species Requirement dated June 7, 2006.

Election has been required to one of the twelve species listed by the Examiner.

Applicants hereby elect specie A which is drawn to Figure 1. This election is made without traverse.

Claims 1-10, 12-14, 45-50 and 99 are readable on the elected specie.

Claims 1, 45 and 99 are generic.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional application prior to issuance of a patent on the present application.

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